

# 2016 SLO County Annual Bio Training

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# Compensatory Mitigation Policy

- Draft Compensatory Mitigation Policy Revision published in Federal Register
- Expect publication of Final Policy by November 8
- Applies to projects that are likely to adversely affect listed species
- “No net loss” minimum, “net benefit” preferred
- Implementation

# Compensatory Mitigation Policy

- Mitigation not necessarily based on habitat area but instead
  - Number of individuals
  - Habitat quality and carrying capacity
  - Size and distribution of populations
  - Capacity to support stable or increasing populations
- On-site, Off-site, In-lieu fee, Conservation Bank Credits

# California Red-Legged Frog Strategic Conservation Plan

- Intended to streamline and simplify approval of projects that may impact CRLF (21% of workload)
- Intended to work in concert with Corps Programmatic Biological Opinion
- Equivalent mitigation policy for Sections 7 and 10
- Input from species experts
- Focus conservation/recovery efforts on areas of need
- Track take

# California Red-Legged Frog Strategic Conservation Plan

- Compensatory Mitigation Options
  - Combination of habitat area/quality with set mitigation ratios
  - CRLF Conservation Bank credits
  - On-site mitigation
  - Off-site mitigation in priority areas
  - Computer modeling (in the future)
- Living document

# Suggested questions

- Are there any updates on species profiles (found within this county) that would be useful to biologists to be aware of?
- What specific mitigation measures have proven successful? What specific mitigation measures have proven ineffective or unsuccessful, to be avoided in the future?

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- Are there new mitigation approaches that biologists should consider?
- What are Safe Harbor agreements, and is this something to consider by biologists as they consider their mitigation tools? Any specific examples that are good models?
- What are the major considerations that trigger habitat assessments?

# Questions?

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